

# Neighborhood News

City of Bellevue

News for and about Bellevue Neighborhoods

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## Neighborhood volunteers roll up sleeves, reach out to others

Saturday, August 16 is a day for making a difference in Bellevue neighborhoods. Hundreds of volunteers will be deployed throughout the city in the first Day of Caring and Sharing. Coordinated by Jubilee Services in partnership with the City, the event will feature home “makeovers” or “facelifts” at 18 separate locations. Projects include house painting, carpentry, fence staining and repair, deck replacement or repair, gate repair, cleaning and hauling, plant removal, pruning, trimming, digging, and landscaping. More than 300 volunteers have stepped forward to help their neighbors. For information about other opportunities to make a difference in Bellevue, contact the City’s volunteer coordinator, Shelly Shellabarger, 452-5375.

## Offer thoughts on BROTS; Bellevue needs your input now!

What’s a BROTS?

**BROTS** \brr-ott-ts\ *n* 1: **Bel-Red/Overlake Transportation Study 2:** An agreement between the cities of Bellevue and Redmond to manage land use planning, funding and construction of transportation improvements in the Bel-Red/Overlake area

So, why is BROTS important to you and your neighborhood?

If you live or work in east Bellevue, you already experience the effects of traffic congestion. The existing BROTS agreement, adopted back in 1999, identified transportation projects to accommodate land use changes and relieve congestion around the busy Overlake district.

Traffic is likely to continue to increase – particularly on north-south arterials of 140<sup>th</sup>, 148<sup>th</sup> and 156<sup>th</sup> Avenues and on West Lake Sammamish Parkway – as land use changes even more dramatically in Overlake and in the Bel-Red area. Projected growth and other planned changes – including Sound Transit’s plan to extend light rail through the area – will affect east Bellevue as far south as I-90. Bellevue and Redmond are now working on a “successor” agreement to BROTS that continues to protect neighborhoods while addressing this growth.

The city is seeking input on proposed transportation improvements from people who live and work throughout east Bellevue. To learn more about the Bel-Red successor agreement and opportunities for involvement, including a community discussion meeting, see the web site at <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/brots.htm>, or contact Kevin McDonald, project manager, at [kmcdonald@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kmcdonald@bellevuewa.gov).

## Save the date! Neighborhood Workshops kick off Oct. 16

Don’t miss the first in a series of six monthly neighborhood workshops at City Hall. The October session’s theme will be *Organizing & Building Neighborhood Associations*. Concurrent sessions will be held for both newly organizing and more mature neighborhood organizations. Future workshops are scheduled November through March. For a list of topics and dates, contact Julie Ellenhorn in Neighborhood Outreach, 425-452-5372 or e-mail [jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov).

## Neighborhood Liaisons on board to help you

Ever wish you had an “inside connection” at City Hall – someone you could call with any kind of question or concern? The good news is that you have one! The better news is that every Bellevue resident has one!

The Neighborhood Liaison Program offers each resident a single point of contact. Each Liaison is responsible for a different neighborhood area – knowing its leaders, understanding its issues, being familiar with its strengths and challenges, and responding to calls from its residents.

It’s like aspirin for a headache! If you have a problem or a question about city services, don’t bother wondering who to call. You’ll find your Liaison ready to give you the assistance you need. If you need help determining how to contact your Liaison, see the City web site, or call Neighborhood Outreach at 452-6836.

Neighborhood Area	Liaison	Telephone (425-)	E-mail . . . @bellevuewa.gov
Bridle Trails	Kevin LeClair	452-2928	kleclair
Crossroads	Barb Tuininga	452-2800	btuininga
Eastgate/Cougar Mt.	Scott VanderHyden	452-4169	svanderhyden
Downtown	Steph Hewitt	452-2564	shewitt
Newport	Rich Dolleman	452-2879	rdolleman
Northeast Bellevue	Tom McFarlane	452-5207	tmcfarlane
Northwest Bellevue	Tony Dempsey	452-6986	fdempsey
Sammamish/East Lake Hills	Camron Parker	452-2032	cparker
Somerset/Factoria	Roger Ledbetter	452-7192	rledbetter
West Bellevue	Julie Ellenhorn	452-5372	jellenhorn
West Lake Hills	Patricia Knight	452-7917	pknight
Woodridge/Wilburton	Kathie Gillis	452-4206	kgillis
<b>Team Advisors</b>			
City Manager	Steve Sarkozy	452-6818	ssarkozy
Team Coordinator	Cheryl Kuhn	452-4089	ckuhn
Cultural Liaison Coordinator	Ying Xie Carlson	452-6836	ycarlson
Code Compliance	Liz Krzyminski	452-4219	ekrzyminski
Fire	Eric Keenan	452-6995	ekeen
Land Use	Leah Hyatt	452-6834	lhyatt
Neighborhood Enhancement	Ron Matthew	452-4075	rmatthew
Transportation Neighborhood Services	Rebecca Rodni	452-6160	rrodni
	Linda Glas	452-2841	lglas
	Brian Casey	452-6867	bcasey

## Schedule an afternoon of fun – and learn about Wrap-Around

Wrap-Around Services invites you to attend its third Annual Community Open House at Lake Hills Elementary (14310 SE 12th St.) on Saturday, Aug. 23. Scheduled from 1 to 4 p.m., this free event includes music and entertainment, lunch, arts, crafts, and games. There’s a chance to learn more about Wrap-Around Services, meet service providers, and sign up for programs.

Wrap-Around Services is a collaborative project that addresses the school readiness, educational, health and human services needs of Bellevue students and their families. Program partners are the City of Bellevue, Bellevue School District and United Way of King County. For more information about the program, or about the Aug. 23 event, call 456-5312.

## This is the big one! Avoid I-405 on August weekends

All southbound lanes of Interstate 405, from SE 8<sup>th</sup> Street to I-90, will be closed on three consecutive weekends in August to allow for removal of the Wilburton Tunnel. The closures are from 11 p.m. Friday to 5 a.m. Monday, on the weekends of Aug. 8-11, Aug. 15-18 and Aug. 22-25. The northbound lanes of I-405 will remain open.

Removing the tunnel is part of WSDOT's I-405, South Bellevue Widening Project, designed to ease congestion. You can save yourself some time and help reduce backups by:

- Adjusting your travel routes to avoid I-405;
- Planning your trip ahead of time with [real-time traffic information](#);
- Dialing 511 for travel information; or
- Obtaining detour route maps and other information at <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/i405/112thAvetoSE8th>.



## August meetings

*(All meetings are in City Hall unless otherwise noted. Agendas are subject to change. You may confirm with Neighborhood Outreach the day before or day of the meeting. Or consult the city web pages listed below to download agendas.)*

**8/4 City Council** (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Dalian Economic Development Agreement, MDM Franchise renewal, Sound Transit ST2 ballot measure, SR 520 tolling/pricing (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Consent Calendar, Light Rail Best Practices-related Comprehensive Plan Amendments (CPAs), Children's Hospital Land Use Code Amendment and emergency CPA

[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council\\_overview.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm)

**8/5 Human Services Commission** (6:30, Council Conference Room) Preliminary review of Goal #5 Human Services applications & Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications

[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human\\_serv\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm)

**8/5 East Bellevue Community Council** (6:30, Lake Hills Clubhouse)

[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC\\_Homepage.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC_Homepage.htm)

**8/6 Open House on SR 520 Tolling** (5-7:30, Council Chamber) Learn about options for tolls across Lake Washington, and share your opinions with the 520 Tolling Implementation Committee [www.build520.org](http://www.build520.org)

**8/19 Human Services Commission** (6:00, Council Conference Room) Second review of Goals #1 & #2 Human Services applications [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human\\_serv\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm)

**8/27 Open House on NE 8<sup>th</sup> Street (west of 96<sup>th</sup>) project** (4:00-7:00, Grace Lutheran Church, 9625 NE 8th ) Opportunity to comment on plan to construct six-foot sidewalk, curb and gutter, stripe shoulder and landscaped planter on the north side of NE 8<sup>th</sup> Street



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If you would be interested in learning more about the City of Bellevue, our job openings, and our services, simply log onto [www.bellevuewa.gov](http://www.bellevuewa.gov).

Bellevue's Neighborhood Outreach Office offers a variety of programs and partnerships for neighborhood leaders and active residents. To learn more about citizen involvement opportunities and programs to enhance neighborhoods, call 452-6836.